


LISTING OF CLAIMS:


The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A skin preparation comprising a lamellar structure consisting essentially of one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s)-~~as a main component~~, and one or more of vitamin A and vitamin A precursor(s), and derivative(s) and decomposed product(s) thereof.

 Claim 2 (currently amended): The skin preparation according to Claim 1, which comprises a lamellar structure prepared from an oil phase mixture containing said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s) and said one or more of vitamin A and vitamin A precursor(s), and derivative(s) and decomposed product(s) thereof.

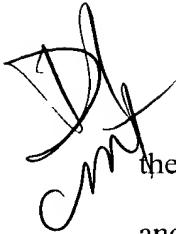
Claim 3 (currently amended): The skin preparation according to Claim 1, wherein said one or more of vitamin A and vitamin A precursor(s), and derivative(s) and decomposed product(s) thereof is contained within or covered with the lamellar structure composed mainly of said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s).

Claim 4 (currently amended): The skin preparation according to Claim 1, wherein the amounts of said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s) and said one or more vitamin A and vitamin A precursor(s), and derivative(s) and decomposed product(s) thereof is 2 to 100 parts by weight of said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s) per part by weight of said one or more vitamin A precursor(s), and derivative(s) and decomposed product(s) thereof.



Claim 5 (previously added): The skin preparation according to any one of the Claims 1 to 4, comprising a cosmetic composition.

Claim 6 (previously added): The skin preparation according to Claim 5, wherein said cosmetic composition is selected from the group consisting of a cosmetic lotion, a cosmetic milk, a cosmetic cream, a beauty essence, a face washing cream, a pack, a cleansing cream and a massaging cream.



Claim 7 (currently amended): The skin preparation according to Claim 1, wherein the amounts of said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s) and said one or more vitamin A and vitamin a precursor(s), and derivative(s) and decomposed product(s) thereof is 5 to 50 parts by weight of said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s) per part by weight of said one or more vitamin A precursor(s), and derivative(s) and decomposed product(s) thereof.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The skin preparation according to Claim 1, wherein the content of said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s) is 0.1 to 25% by weight and the content of said one or more vitamin A and vitamin a precursor(s), and derivative(s) and decomposed product(s) thereof is 0.001 to 2% by weight.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The skin preparation according to Claim 1, wherein the content of said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s) is 0.5 to 10% by weight and the content of said one or more vitamin A and vitamin A precursor(s), derivative(s) and decomposed product(s) thereof is 0.01 to 0.3% by weight.

Claim 10 (previously added): The skin preparation according to Claim 1, wherein said lamellar structure is a multi-lamellar vesicle.

Claim 11 (previously added): The skin preparation according to Claim 1, further comprising cholesterol in an amount range of 0.01 to 1 per part by weight of said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s).

Claim 12 (previously added): The skin preparation according to Claim 1, wherein said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s) are monoglyceride(s) of saturated or unsaturated fatty acids having 8 to 18 carbon atoms.

Claim 13 (previously added): The skin preparation according to Claim 1, wherein said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s) are selected from the group consisting of myristic acid monoglyceride, palmitic acid monoglyceride and stearic acid monoglyceride.